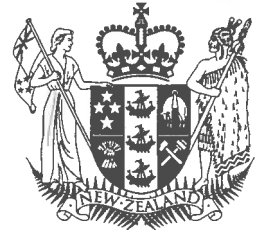


Hon Ron Mark

Minister of Defence
Minister for Veterans



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Neil Scott
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Dear Mr Scott

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 1 August 2018 to Hon Ron Mark for:

A list of dates and times of all meetings/communications (excluding content) between yourself and the following People/Organisations:

- *Israel Institute of New Zealand (IINZ)*
- *New Zealand Friends of Israel (NZ FOI)*
- *Zionist Federation of New Zealand*
- *Embassy of Israel in New Zealand*
- *David Cumin (IINZ spokesperson)*
- *Bob Berg (President of NZ Friends of Israel)*

for a period from 1 January 2015 – 30 July 2018.

The Official Information Act applies only to information held by the Minister in his official capacity as a Minister of the Crown, which is since 26 October 2017. The only formal communication the Minister has had with any of those listed above, between 26 October 2017 and 1 August 2018, was at a meeting with the Israeli Ambassador at 9am on 11 December 2017. In addition, during that time, the Minister has spoken informally with the Ambassador when they have both been present at various functions with diplomats present.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben McLachlan'.

Ben McLachlan
Senior Ministerial Advisor